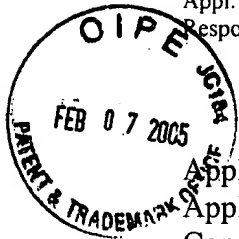


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2004 , please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.